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SUBJECT: MANSFIELD VISIT

REF: PEKING 1848

1. REFTEL MESSAGE PASSED VERBATIM TO SENATOR MANSFIELD, THROUGH VIC DIKEOS, MORNING SEPTEMBER 17. VIC REPORTS THAT SENATOR REACTED WARMLY TO YOUR REQUEST THAT HE TAKE INITIATIVE TO HAVE YOU INCLUDED IN MEETINGS WITH LEADERS. MANSFIELD SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE INITIATIVE, THAT HE WOULD BE "DELIGHTED" TO HAVE YOU PARTICIPATE. HE CONCLUDED BY MENTIONING THAT IN END, OF COURSE, IT WOULD BE CHINESE WHO WOULD DECIDE.

2. HE WAS ALSO POSITIVE, BUT NOT EXPLICIT, ABOUT SOCIAL FUNCTION, NOTING THAT FINAL DECISION WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT ARRIVAL IN PEKING. DIKEOS INFERS FROM THIS BRIEF EXCHANGE WITH SENATOR THAT YOU SHOULD PLAN ON RECEPTION INCLUDING HOSTS BUT NOT THIRD COUNTRY DIPLOMATS. (WE HAVE ALSO CONFIRMED TO DIKEOS, WHO HAS PASSED THIS TO SENATOR, USLO'S DESIRE TO ASSIST IN ANY FASHION, INCLUDING BRIEFINGS.)

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